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REDEEMING THE NINTH. Democratic prospects for success in the Ninth District are encouraging, and can be made certain if organization is effected and means are furnished.

TEXT-BOOKS IN TEXAS. The Houston Post is amusing itself by propounding text-book problems for Northern publishers. It seems that when the good State of Texas was about to make its annual adoption, the Post naturally objected to a style of arithmetic that conclusively proves to the 265,000 school children of Texas that one well-to-do Yankee soldier could kick a half-dozen Confederates off of the map, and do so with an ease and dispatch far surpassing that with which the children could solve the problem.

THE OYSTERS RETURN. Yesterday the long expected public turned once more to the luscious and unparalleled oyster, which only reaches its highest perfection in Virginia waters.

MANCHESTER AND THE FREE BRIDGE. According to Alderman Ridd, of Manchester, as reported in yesterday's Times-Dispatch, a reinforced concrete bridge on stone piers can be built between Richmond and Manchester for between \$250,000 and \$300,000. But suppose it should cost \$200,000. Isn't it worth \$50,000 a year to Richmond and Manchester to have free exchange of traffic? And it must be remembered that Manchester, as Alderman Ridd emphasized, is willing to put up dollar for dollar with Richmond.

WARD LINES MUST GO. Though they oppose individual ownership, the Socialists welcome the growth of trusts as a step towards that happy day when the government will own everything. Likewise, those who believe that city government by committees is an outworn, obsolete, expensive and wasteful method of administration may take comfort in the action of the caucus which refused to abolish ward lines in the matter of street appropriations. If this question hangs open long enough, it will inevitably end in the abolition of all ward lines and the transference of all the executive government from committees appointed by the presidents of the Council and Board of Aldermen to competent officials elected by the people.

The Street Committee divided last year among the various wards of this city \$120,000. Of this sum, Clay Ward got \$25,000; Lee Ward, \$25,000; Jefferson Ward, \$15,000; Marshall Ward, \$15,000; Madison Ward, \$12,000; Monroe Ward, \$8,000, and Henry Ward, \$8,000. In 1904, when the Street Committee had \$70,000 at its disposal, it set apart \$10,000 for repairs, and kept the other \$60,000 for general improvements. Colonel Cutshaw was asked to decide where this \$60,000 should be spent, and he brought in an estimate which called for \$18,000 in Jefferson Ward. In all probability the colonel was entirely correct, but each member of the Street Committee saw what his position would be if Jefferson Ward got everything, and the committee unanimously rejected Colonel Cutshaw's suggestion, and went back to the old ward division. It is that imaginary line to-day that is causing the trouble. The members of the Council, as a whole, we believe, are earnestly desirous of the welfare of the community, but they are elected by a small segregated number of citizens, who often cannot see beyond the block on which they live, and therefore the Council, and especially the Street Committee, is compelled to try to make good each man with his own constituency. As a result, the money appropriated for streets has been spread in patchwork through the whole city. The comprehensive plan of paving Grace and Franklin Streets shows what can be done by consistent hammering along one line. The city of Richmond spends \$2,000,000 a year. Surely it can afford to pass a law and elect a man who will have enough capacity and disinterestedness to spend such money as the Council may see fit to give him for the betterment of the streets for the good of the whole city, and not for the putting down of smooth pavement by the houses of a favored few. Richmond might just as well face the fact that the present charter is outgrown, and that ward lines and government by committees whom the people do not choose must go.

Well, anyhow, harmony isn't having any hand in this campaign that prosperity is—Indianapolis.

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The Courts of Europe BY La Marquise de Lonteny. King Edward to Visit King Leopold. King Leopold a very pressing request to visit him in Belgium.

GERMANY AND ITS CITIZENS. Government to Improve Their Condition in Many Reasonable Ways. Germany is not pauperizing the population nor pampering the workmen as people and writers in this country have been led to believe.

RULER OF THE HOUSE. If He Is "Yranted" It Is Because a Majority of Members Will It. Democrats who have served in the House, like Mr. Bryan, know that it is a matter of course that the Speaker for his "absolute domination" and entire control of the House.

IN HONOR OF LEE. The status of Robert E. Lee, for which the State of Virginia will ask a place in the Memorial Hall of the Capitol at Washington, has been compared to the status of Lee.

CONGRESSIONAL BELL SIGNALS. On the floor of the House the door-keeper has his desk, and it is here that the bells are struck that give notice of the opening of Congress.

NEW ZEALAND LUMBERMEN. The kauri timber industry is one of the most important in New Zealand. In the districts north of Auckland almost one-half of the population are in some way connected with the industry.

INDIAN INGENUITY. It is rather difficult for us to imagine people who know nothing about fire, and as a matter of fact, the natives of the interior of the island of New Guinea know nothing about fire.

THE SOUTH AS A PRODUCER OF LUMBER. It is perhaps not generally known that the South is the largest lumber producing section of our country. Official statistics show that in 1907 the South produced 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

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